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OFFICE OF  
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POLLUTION PREVENTION

Ms. Sarah Amundson  
Ms. Kathleen Conlee  
1255 23rd Street, NW  
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Dear Ms. Amundson and Ms. Conlee:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 10, 2019 sharing your appreciation of EPA's efforts to reduce animal testing. It was forwarded to the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention for response.

The EPA appreciates the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF) concerns about animal testing and continues to take steps to address this issue. We are familiar with the wonderful work you are doing with our colleagues in the Office of Pesticides Programs. This effort will work towards our goal. In addition to the September 10, 2019 EPA directive ([found here](#)), EPA's FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, Objective 3.3, outlines a commitment to further reduce the reliance on animal testing within five years (see page 45). More than 200,000 laboratory animals have been saved in recent years as a result of these collective efforts.

The agency is also addressing animal testing through current regulations, namely the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), amended June 22, 2016, by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. It requires the EPA to reduce reliance on animal testing. In response to TSCA's mandate, EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) developed a specific strategic plan and associated documentation in support of New and Alternative Methods (NAMS), available [here](#).

Again, thank you for your email and for sharing your support. We look forward to opportunities to work with you and other stakeholders on this effort. If you have any further questions, please contact Cathy Fehrenbacher at (202) 564-8551 or [Fehrenbacher.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Fehrenbacher.Cathy@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary C. Fehrenbacher", is written over a horizontal line.

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